

SUMMARY

I. Description of Item

This resolution congratulates Brian L. Kuhn as a recipient of the 2008 Bobby Dunavant Public Servant Award and acknowledges and commends his exemplary service on behalf of the citizens of Shelby County.

II. Source and Amount of Funding

N/A

III. Contract Items

N/A

IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item

The Administration joins the County Commission in recommending approval of this resolution.

ITEM# _____

PREPARED BY: A C Wharton, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

APPROVED BY: Christy L. Kinard
Assistant County Attorney

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BRIAN L. KUHN AS A RECIPIENT OF THE BOBBY DUNAVANT PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT. SPONSORED BY CHAIRMAN DAVID LILLARD.

WHEREAS, The East Memphis Rotary Club established the Bobby Dunavant Public Servant Award to commemorate long-time Shelby County Probate Court Clerk Bobby Joe Dunavant and to recognize candidates that display the characteristics Mr. Dunavant possessed, such as being scrupulously honest, unpretentious, accessible and a kind mentor; and

WHEREAS, Each year the Rotary Club selection committee chooses one non-elected public employee and one elected official who best represent the qualities Bobby Dunavant showed during his term as Probate Court Clerk for the award; and

WHEREAS, There is no finer example of these qualities for public service than Brian L. Kuhn who has rendered exemplary service on behalf of the citizens of Shelby County during his 34-year career and who continues to demonstrate daily to all his adherence to the highest standards of legal and professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, Brian L. Kuhn is a model for all who serve the public, combining the highest level of professional knowledge with the highest regard for the value of the individual; and

WHEREAS, Having worked for Shelby County Government for 34 years, Brian L. Kuhn served as an Assistant County Attorney from 1974 to 1981 and from 1994 to 2003; as Chief Administrative Officer in 1981; and as County Attorney from 1982 to 1994 and from 2003 to the present; and

WHEREAS, Brian L. Kuhn has been active with Kiwanis, Boys Club of Memphis, Greater Memphis Arts Council, Memphis & Shelby County Urban Arts Commission, and the Law Library Commission; and

WHEREAS, Brian L. Kuhn is one of the founders of the Tennessee County Attorneys Association, where he has served on the Board of Directors or as an officer since 1985, currently serving as Secretary-Treasury and previously as President and Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, Edward W. Kuhn, Brian's father, provided an outstanding example of family loyalty, legal wisdom, and dedication in service to others, teaching Brian to strive for the best in himself and to always encourage the best in others; and

WHEREAS, Brian L. Kuhn's devotion to public service is surpassed only by his devotion to family, the center of which is his wife of 38 years, Nancy, a life-long partner in the effort to secure justice and equity for the least among us; and

WHEREAS, Sons Matthew, Andrew and Anthony continue to foster the family legacy of service, a tradition sure to be continued by granddaughters Chandler and Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Brian L. Kuhn has been selected by the East Memphis Rotary Club as the recipient of the 2008 Bobby Dunavant Public Servant Award and was presented with this honor on July 9th 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That Shelby County Mayor, A C Wharton, Jr. joins with the members of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and those who serve the citizens of Shelby County in congratulating Brian L. Kuhn, our County Attorney, in his selection to receive the prestigious Bobby Dunavant Public Servant Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we take this opportunity to express our esteem and gratitude for Brian L. Kuhn’s exemplary dedication to excellence in legal matters and his unwavering honesty and integrity which serve as an inspiration and model for us all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring the same.

A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____